



*Help us recognize outstanding small business owners and champions
in the Mississippi small business community.*

2015 MISSISSIPPI SBA SMALL BUSINESS AWARD

U.S. Small Business Administration

Know a strong candidate? If so, check an award category, complete the information and fax/mail it today!

- ☐ **Small Business Person:** For developing an outstanding & growing business, innovative product(s), increasing jobs and sales, overcoming adversity, and community contributions.
- ☐ **Small Business Exporter:** Significantly increased export sales and profits, encouraging other firms to export, increasing jobs through exports, and innovative methods of creating markets.
- ☐ **Young Entrepreneur:** Owner will not reach 30th birthday by June 1, 2015, three-year evidence of success in sales and profits, increased jobs, innovative products, and demonstrated potential.
- ☐ **Generational Family-Owned Business:** Award honors a family-owned and operated business which has been passed on from one generation to another. The owner must have served as a majority owner and operator or bear principal responsibility for operating a small business with at least a 15-year track record.

Small Business Champions: Those promoting small business through volunteering of time and service, and advocating the cause of small business. Champions do not have to be a small business owner.

- ☐ **Minority Small Business Champion:** Advances business ownership for minorities.
- ☐ **Women in Business Champion:** Increases business opportunities for women.
- ☐ **Veteran Small Business Champion:** Increases business opportunities for veterans.
- ☐ **Home-Based Business Champion:** Improves the climate of home-based business ownership. Nominees may or may not be current small business owners.
- ☐ **Financial Services Champion:** Individuals helping businesses through efforts to increase their usefulness and availability of accounting or financial services.
- ☐ **Entrepreneurial Success Award:** Individuals must own and operate a business initially launched as small businesses and subsequently developed into a large business, and they must have received SBA assistance.
- ☐ **Small Business Journalist:** Journalists representing television, radio, electronic or print media that make concerted efforts to increase public understanding of the importance of small business contributions to the economy.

Phoenix Awards: Those individuals whose efforts and contributions enable their business or communities to recover successfully from a disaster.

- ☐ **Small Business Disaster Recovery:** Small business owner that received a SBA disaster loan to rebound successfully from physical damage suffered in a disaster during fiscal years 2014 and/or 2015.
- ☐ **Outstanding Contributions to Disaster Recovery:** Award is open to private citizen, or state/local government official.

NOMINEE/NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Nominee Name		Title	
Company/Organization			
Address			
City	Zip	Phone	Fax
# of Employees	Email		
Nominator Name		Title	
Company/Organization			
Address			
City	Zip	Phone	Fax
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Mail or Email to: **Small Business Administration - Gulfport Branch Office, Attn.: Small Business Awards Committee, 2510 14th Street, Suite 103, Gulfport, MS 39501 or bridget.johnson@sba.gov.** A completed formal nomination packet with detailed materials should be received no later than Friday, January 16, 2015. For more information, call (228) 863-4449, ext. 225.